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SUBJECT: COM CONFERENCES ADDIS ABABA AND MONROVIA,
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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR MCKESSON FROM NEWSOM

1. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD AT YOUR
RESPECTIVE CONFERENCE UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
CHAIRING PANEL THREE ON QUOTE: US POSTURE TOWARD (A) INTER-
AFRICAN DISPUTES, AND (B) EMERGENCE OF REGIONALLY DOMINANT
STATES. ENDQUOTE.

2. WHILE YOUR PRESENT POST, I THINK, PLACES YOU IN A
PARTICULARLY PERTINENT POSITION TO OBSERVE THIS IMPORTANT
ISSUE FOR US POLICY, I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO FEEL FREE TO
DRAW ON YOUR THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IN ORDER TO
PUT THIS OPIC IN WIDEST PERSPECTIVE AND STIMULATE LIVELY
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DISCUSSION.

3. I ENVISAGE DEVOTING APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TO THIS ISSUE, BEGINNING WITH A 10-12 MINUTE LEAD PRESENTATION BY YOU, FOLLOWED BY 5 MINUTE COMMENTS BY OTHER PANEL MEMBERS, BEFORE OPENING THE FLOOR TO GENERAL DISCUSSION.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AMBASSADOR MULCAHY AND MR. SHOSTAL TO ASSIST YOU IN CONDUCTING THIS PANEL. MR. VAN OSS WILL SERVE AS RAPPORTEUR AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION.

5. I SUGGEST THAT THE CHAIRMAN IN EACH INSTANCE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF HIS PANEL REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DISCUSSION. IF ANY OF US IN AF CAN HELP, DON'T HESITATE TO LET US KNOW.
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